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We are all aware of the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Thousands have been displaced due to the storm and subsequent flooding. Response and recovery efforts are expected to take an extended period of time for a storm of this size. The EPA is supporting relief efforts in many ways and our work is just beginning.

Many Federal employees have expressed a desire to assist those in need who have been affected by this storm. To further assist relief efforts and enable Federal employees to support those in need, the Office of Personnel Management has authorized a special solicitation to support and benefit those impacted by the storm and its aftermath. Special solicitations allow Federal employees to assist disaster relief efforts outside of the normal Combined Federal Campaign and provide immediate relief to families and residents who have been affected during disasters.

You may be wondering how you can help support relief efforts. Here at the EPA, we have decided that the most efficient and effective means of contributing is for employees to connect directly with the charity or charities of their choice. You can find more information on organizations providing disaster relief assistance at [FEMA's donate and volunteer website](#). This list is not exclusive and all donations are voluntary.

This special solicitation is not a part of the CFC. Unlike CFC, we will not be assigning employees to oversee the donation process and payroll deductions will not be available. As a reminder, employees may not collect funds on behalf of charitable organizations in the workplace. When the CFC begins in October, employees will also have an opportunity to contribute to disaster relief agencies who provide on-going support to individuals across a spectrum of needs.

For more information on disaster relief efforts, updates and assistance, please visit [FEMA's website](#).